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Lake Oroville State Recreation Area Low Water Ramp and Park Update

Oroville, CA

With the drought is in its fourth year and we will have similar conditions to last year, but with more improvements to the Bidwell Launch Ramp area.

Spillway Launch Ramp we will be out of water early next week. Work is already being done to prepare the Department of Water Resources, Spillway Low Water Gravel Boat Ramp launch for use. The Spillway Low Water Gravel Boat Ramp area will have a boarding float or dock which will be maintained by State Park's staff. There will be lighting set up for this area. The area will be re-graveled, but four wheel drive vehicles are highly recommended if accessing or launching from this area.

At Bidwell Launch Ramp they are at the Stage Three Ramp and this should be useable for the next 3 to 4 weeks. After that there will be periodic closures or alternate ramps in use to accommodate improvements to the Stage Three Ramp. The ramp will be extended as far as the water will allow and the parking lot will be repainted to make the parking stalls wider and easier to use for visitors.

Wyke Island will be closed for the fall and into the spring due to the drought. We need to dry dock a large number of houseboats this winter and secure the area for the safety of visitors. During this time we will be developing a nature trail to allow access to Wyke Island from the restrooms at the Bidwell Upper Parking Lot.

Limesaddle, Enterprise, Stringtown, Loafer Creek, and Foreman Creek Launch ramps are currently out of water.

The South Forebay and Afterbay will also remain open for power-boating recreation. Launching is available for non-motorized watercraft at the Diversion Pool, below the dam, and the North Forebay west of Highway 70.



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Lake Oroville's aquatic recreational opportunities for kayaking, canoeing, paddle-boarding, and rowing remain available at the Forebay Aquatic Center. Bidwell Canyon and Lake Oroville Marina offer a wide variety of boat rentals to enjoy the uncrowded atmosphere provided on the lake.

To confirm public accessibility of Lake Oroville recreational opportunities, call the Lake Oroville Visitor Center at 530-538-2219.

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For more than two years, California has been dealing with the effects of drought. To learn about all the actions the state has taken to manage our water system and cope with the impacts of the drought, visit Drought.CA.Gov.

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